

MATH 217 W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA, Section 001 (Dr. Paul Kessenich)
Homework Set Part B due SUNDAY, April 21 at 11:59pm
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1. (a) Let E_0 denote the 0-eigenspace of T . Explicitly describe E_0 (as a set).

Solution:

$$E_0 = \{(x_1, 0, x_2, 0, x_3, 0, \dots) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

- (b) Prove that every real number λ is an eigenvalue of T . (Hint: explicitly construct an eigenvector $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \in V$. First consider x_i when i is a power of 2.)

Solution: Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then let

$$s = (1, \lambda, \lambda, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \dots)$$

be an infinite sequence such that each consecutive power λ^n is repeated n times in the sequence, starting from $n = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(s) &= (\lambda, \lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^3, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \lambda^4, \dots) \\ &= \lambda(s). \end{aligned}$$

So any real number is an eigenvalue of T .

2. (a) Let \mathcal{D} be a diagonal $n \times n$ matrix with distinct entries along the diagonal, and let \mathcal{D} be the subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ consisting of all diagonal matrices. Prove $\mathcal{C}(D) = \mathcal{D}$.

Solution: Let the diagonal entries of D be d_1, \dots, d_n . Let $A \in \mathcal{D}$, with diagonal entries a_1, \dots, a_n . Then the product

$$AD = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 d_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 d_2 & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_n d_n \end{bmatrix} = DA.$$

So $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{C}$.

Let $B \in \mathcal{C}(D)$ with columns $\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_n$, rows $\vec{c}_1, \dots, \vec{c}_n$, and element of i th row and

j th column b_{ij} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} BD &= \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} & & & \\ B(d_1\vec{e}_1) & \cdots & B(d_n\vec{e}_n) & \\ & & & \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} & & & \\ d_1\vec{b}_1 & \cdots & d_n\vec{b}_n & \\ & & & \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} DB &= ((DB)^\top)^\top \\ &= (B^\top D)^\top \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} & & & \\ d_1\vec{c}_1^\top & \cdots & d_n\vec{c}_n^\top & \\ & & & \end{array} \right]^\top \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} - & d_1\vec{c}_1 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & d_n\vec{c}_n & - \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where \vec{e}_i is the i th standard basis vector. Since $B \in \mathcal{C}(D)$, $BD = DB$. Considering arbitrary b_{ij} , this means that $d_i b_{ij} = d_j b_{ij}$. When $i = j$,